If we go back to earlier Times, the Emperor *Juſtin*, in *Cod. Tit. de Off. Præf. Præt. Af.* ſays, he had ſeen venerable Men, *qui abſciſſis* radicitus *Linguis, pœnas miſerabiliter* loquebantur, *whoſe Tongues having been cut out* by the Roots, *they miſerably* SPOKE, or complained, of the *Puniſhments* they had ſuffered. And again, *Nonnullos alios, quibus* Honorichius *Vandalorum Rex Linguas* radicitus *præciderat*, loquelam tamen habuiſſe integram, that ſome others, whoſe Tongues *Honorichius*, King of the *Vandals*, had cut out by the Roots, *yet perfectly retained their Speech.*

XII. *A remarkable Conformation, or* Luſus Naturæ, *in a Child; by* C. Warwick, *Surgeon, in* Truro, Cornwall.

Read July 1. 1742.

ABOUT *April* 1741. one *Sarah Allen*, of the Pariſh of *St. Blazy*, near *Truro*, having been married near Four Years, and Mother of Two Children, well-formed and living, was brought to-bed of my preſent Subject, but of ſo remarkable and preternatural a Conſtitution, as muſt render its whole Life inevitably miſerable, the Particulars whereof, from my repeated Obſervations, are as follows:

The *Umbilicus* is nearly in its natural Site, but ſomewhat large and prominent, having more the Appearance of a Tumour, than the ordinary irregular Shape of that Organ.

Immediately below this *Umbilicus*, is a large fungous Excreſcence, nearly the Size of a ſmall Egg, but ſomewhat

ſomewhat depreſſed, of a fiery Aſpect, and exquiſitely ſenſible. The Surface is irregular, being compoſed of divers Granulations or ſmall Lobes of Fleſh; and the Baſis of it I could not well diſcover, my Endeavours being attended with much Pain and Difficulty; however, from the branchy Top of it, I am inclined to think it ſomewhat pendulous.

Beneath, adjoining to this *Fungus*, is another pretty large Excreſcence, neither ſenſible nor ſpongy, as the former, but of a ſolid uniform Contexture. Its Projection from the *Abdomen* is about One-third of an Inch, and, was there a Section made parallel to its Baſis, it would be of an Elliptical Figure. In Shape and Dimenſions it ſomewhat reſembles the *Glans Penis*, its Surface being covered with the ſame fine *Membrane*, and has a ſmall Indenture in the Top of it, but it is not ſo large, and has no Aperture in it.

Suſpended to this *Glans*, like the *Omentum* to the *Ventricule*, is a large *Membrane* of a ſemilunar Figure, looſe, flexible, and, when turned up, capable of covering ſome Part of it. Its Texture nearly reſembles that of the *Præputium*, or is ſomewhat thicker. There is likewiſe a ſmall Cord or *Frænum*, which ariſing from the Circumference of this *Membrane*, and biſecting the above *Glans*, terminates under the *Fungus*. About half an Inch below this *Membrane*, is a wrinkled Extuberance reſembling a *Scrotum*, but of an uncertain Magnitude, great or ſmall, as the Deſcent of the Infant's *Inteſtines*, which having broken their natural Confines, form an unſeemly Roll from one *Inguen* to the other. Its Situation is about the upper Edge of the *Os Pubis*, which, in examining this Part, I found greatly deficient, and I am apt to believe, from

from the great Chaſm which I perceived there, it muſt be intirely wanting.

The next thing to be obſerved is the *Anus*. I found the Situation of this Part more forward than uſual, at leaſt by Two Inches; and, if my Conjectures be right, the *Rectum*, from this Poſition, muſt take its Courſe nearly through the Chaſm of the *Os Pubis*.

Beſides all theſe Inconveniencies, to complete the Child's Miſery, there is a perpetual Diſtillation of Urine from ſome unſeen Paſſages under the *Fungus*, exciting by its Acrimony, every Moment, Pains and Excoriations.

To conclude: Its Sex is ſo imperfect, and obſcurely repreſented, that it received no Baptiſm till Four Months after it was born; when its Parents, flattering themſelves that Nature might take a Turn ſome time or other for the Child's Advantage, gave it an Appellation applicable to either Sex, as Time and Circumſtances ſhould require.

Truro, April 21. 1742.

Explanation of the Figure *prefixed.*

A. Umbilicus.
B. Fungus.
CC. Prolapſus.
D. Glans.
E. Membrana.
F. Scrotum.
G. Anus.
H. Frœnum.

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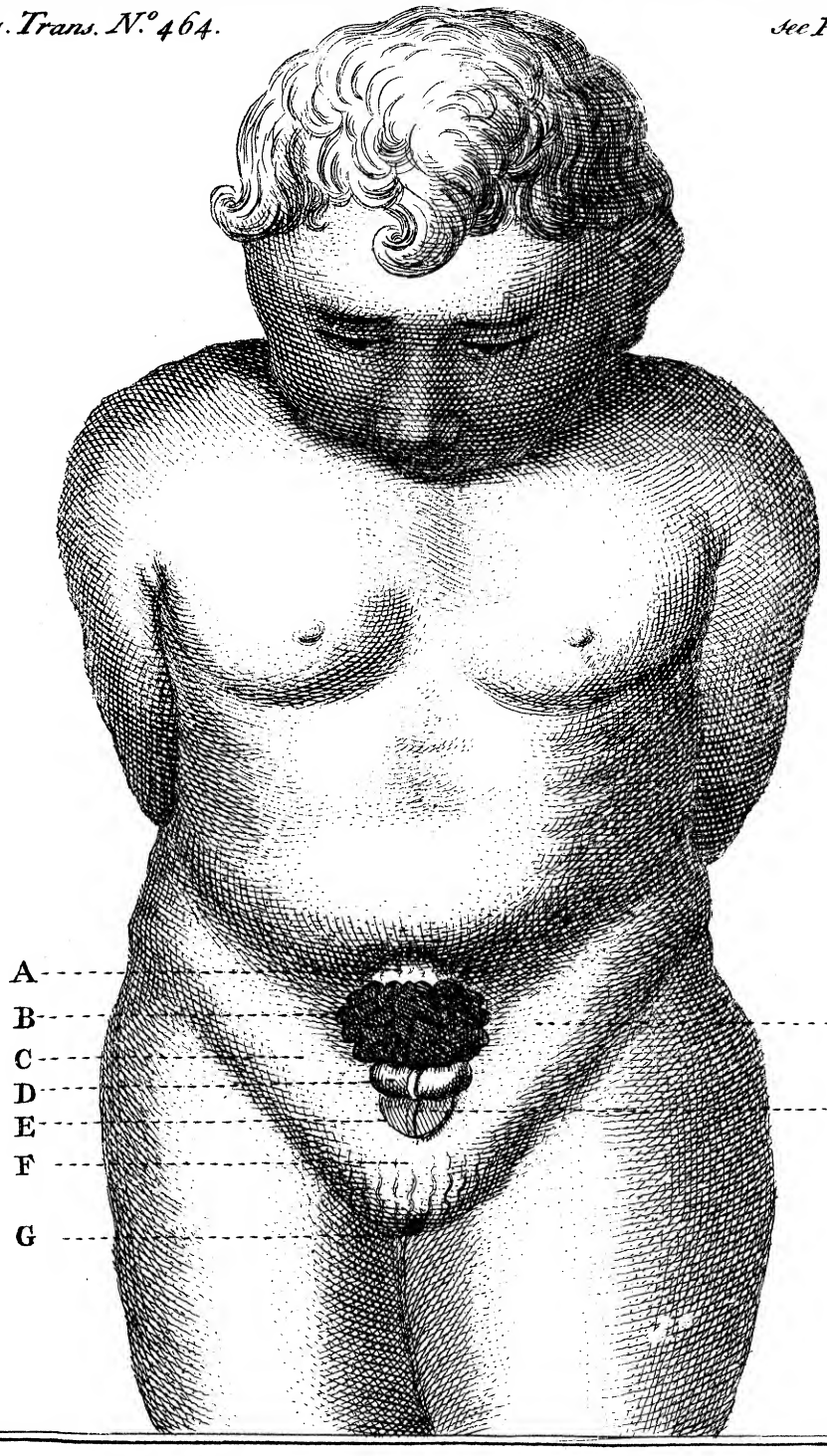

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